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TO AMEMBASSY AMMAN IMMEDIATE

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AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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AMEMBASSY JIDDA

ARUESJR/AMCONSUL JERUSALEM 5023

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SUBJ: CODEL RYAN/STEELE

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1. CODEL CONSISTING OF YOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEMBERS LEO J. RYAN (D., CALIF.) AND ROBERT H. STEELE (R., CONN). CURRENTLY VISITING MIDDLE EAST COUNTRIES AT REQUEST COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN INTERESTS ARE BROAD, BUT FOCUSED ON PEACE SETTLEMENT PROPOSALS EACH SIDE AND PETROLEUM AND GAS SUPPLY TO U.S. CODEL VISITED LEBANON PRIOR ISRAEL. ORIGINAL ITINERARY HAS BEEN CHANGED DUE AIR TRAVEL CONSTRICTIONS.

2. CODEL NOW PALCING TOP PRIORITY ON VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA AND, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, AUDIENCE WITH KING FAISAL. WE ARE EXPLORING ALTERNATIVE MEANS ACCOMPLISHING THIS, BUT APPEARS QUICKEST ROUTE MAY BE OVERLAND TO AMMAN AND THEN TO JIDDA OCT 30 VIA RJ-700 DEPARTING AMMAN 2000 HOURS. CODEL WOULD WELCOME MEETING WITH KING
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HUSSEIN OR OTHER HIGH-RANKING GOJ OFFICIAL WHILE IN COUNTRY.

3. WHILE AWARE OF NORAM TWO-WEEK ADVANCE NOTIFICATION FOR BRIDGE CROSSING, WOULD APPRECIATE ASSESSMENT AMMAN RE FEASIBILITY THIS PLAN. ENVISION CROSSING AT APPROX 1200 OCT 30. BOTH RYAN AND STEELE TRAVELING ON DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS. ALSO IN PARTY, CARRYING OFFICIAL PASSPORTS, ARE ROBERT K. BOYER, COMMITTEE STAFF MEMBER, AND E.H. STEVEN BERG, ADMIN AIDE TO REP. STEELE.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE ANSWERS TO FOLLOWING ASAP: CAN BRIDGE CROSSING INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION TO AMMAN, AND VISAS BE ARRANGED BY 1200 OCT 30? CAN FOUR SEATS BE OBTAINED FOR OCT 30 ON RJ-700 TO JIDDA? PASSPORT INFO FOLLOWS SEPTEL BY MID-MORNING OCT 28.

5. FOR CAIRO: CODEL REMAINS INTERESTED IN VISITING CAIRO AND DESIRES BE KEPT INFORMED STATUS OF INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. KEATING

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